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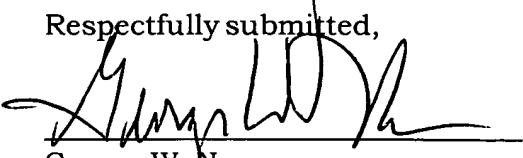
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Substitute Specification (123 pages);  
Formal Drawings (27 sheets); and  
Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

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